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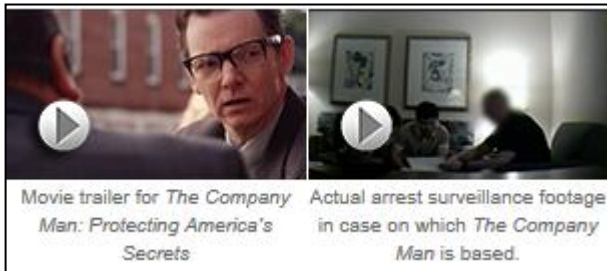
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Facilitator and Fundraiser for Islamic Movement of Uzbekistan Extradited to U.S.

Irfan Demirtas, a dual Dutch-Turkish national, was charged in a U.S. Court this month with terrorism offenses arising from his support of the Islamic Movement of Uzbekistan (IMU), a designated foreign terrorist organization. Demirtas was charged with providing material support to terrorists, providing material support and resources to a designated foreign terrorist organization, receiving military-type training from a foreign terrorist organization, and using or carrying a firearm during and in relation to a crime of violence. The IMU was a militant Islamic group acting as an armed insurgency against the legitimate government of Afghanistan and its allies, including U.S. armed forces and is classified by the State Department as a Designated Terrorist Organization. During the conduct charged in the indictment, Demirtas was a resident of the Netherlands and was appointed by the IMU as its European-based fundraiser. He was responsible for raising funds and recruiting fighters for the IMU. In Jan. 2015, Demirtas was arrested in Germany based on an Interpol red notice, detained and then extradited to the U.S. this month.

FBI Launches Nationwide Awareness Campaign on Economic Espionage



Economic espionage is a problem that costs the American economy billions of dollars annually and puts our national security at risk. To raise awareness of the issue, the FBI and the National Counterintelligence and Security Center have launched a nationwide campaign and released a short film aimed at educating anyone with a trade secret about the threat and how they can help mitigate it. Based on an actual case, [*The Company Man: Protecting America's Secrets*](#) illustrates how one U.S. company was targeted by foreign actors and how that

company worked with the FBI to resolve the problem and bring the perpetrators to justice.

Nine Defendants Charged in International Stock Fraud Scam

This month, nine defendants were charged for their roles in complex, international stock manipulation and money laundering schemes generating approximately \$6.5 million in illicit proceeds. Among the charges included in the indictment are: conspiracy to commit wire fraud, securities fraud in connection with a “pump-and-dump” securities manipulation scheme involving the common stock of Warrior Girl Corp., which was quoted on the Over-the-Counter (OTC) market under the ticker symbol WRGL and the common stock of Everock Inc., which was quoted on the OTC market under the ticker symbol EVRN. The indictment alleges that the defendants artificially “pumped” or inflated the trading volume and price of the securities by touting business activities and deceptive revenue forecasts, and by engaging in coordinated trading activity to create the appearance of increasing market demand. The defendants then allegedly “dumped” or sold the securities at the inflated prices and laundered the proceeds from their scheme through bank accounts in the U.S. and overseas. According to the allegations in the indictment, the scheme was facilitated through an offshore brokerage and money laundering platform that went by various names - collectively, Moneyline. The defendants allegedly used Moneyline to create nominee accounts in the names of shell companies, and used those accounts to conceal both the true source and ownership of the securities and the flow of funds. The conspirators also allegedly took elaborate steps to hide their illegal conduct from law enforcement, including the use of proprietary internal chat and telephone systems.

FBI Discusses Sextortion on Twitter Chat

Sextortion is a serious crime that occurs when someone threatens to distribute your private and sensitive material if you don't provide them images of a sexual nature, sexual favors, or money. The FBI currently has open sextortion investigations across the country that involve both subjects and victims from around the world. To discuss the crime and [highlight a recent case](#), earlier this month the FBI hosted a live Twitter. The hour-long question-and-answer session generated questions that users sent to the Twitter hashtag #AskFBI. A transcript of the conversation can be seen on the [FBI's blog](#), on the [FBI's Twitter page](#).

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